

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend B.R. Hall of the Nashville Fire Department for meritorious public service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure our individual and collective safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition through service as firefighters, and Nashville Fire Department Captain B.R. Hall is one such venerable hero; and

WHEREAS, following in the public safety footsteps of his father, a Metro Nashville Police Officer who devoted his life in service to the citizens of Nashville, B.R. Hall began his first year of service with the Nashville Fire Department in 1973; and

WHEREAS, beginning as a rookie firefighter, B.R. Hall later rose to the rank of Fire Captain, as he consistently distinguished himself as an outstanding professional; Captain Hall is respected by his peers as the very model of a brave firefighter who evinces unsurpassed devotion to duty and dedication to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious tenure with the Nashville Fire Department, Captain B.R. Hall has worked diligently as a member of the Metro Benefit Board; Captain Hall has voluntarily undertaken this challenging responsibility for more than twenty years, exhibiting remarkable dedication and service to his department; and

WHEREAS, not only is B.R. Hall a courageous and dedicated firefighter, he is also one of the foremost labor leaders in the State; Captain Hall has worked tirelessly to serve the interests of firefighters, paramedics, and other fire department employees by holding the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President (two times) of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 140; and

WHEREAS, as President of Local 140, B.R. Hall is known for his strong, but professional manner; in the field of local organized labor, B.R. Hall stands among the giants; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his peerless dedication, Captain Hall has earned the respect, admiration, and trust of his fellow citizens; as testament to their high esteem, the Nashville Fire Department recently named the Old Center Firehall in his honor; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee enjoy an exceptional quality of life, and we owe much to the brave men and women who bravely fight fires to defend not only our homes and property, but also our very lives; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to this exemplary citizen who has given unselfishly of himself, his time, and his talents to ensure the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Captain B. R. Hall has performed his duties with utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism, and his service can only be categorized as outstanding; he deserves proper recognition for his heroism both in the Nashville Fire Department and in society today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Captain B.R. Hall of the Nashville Fire Department, for his many years of exceptional service to his community and profession, offer our thanks for a difficult job well done, and wish him much success and safety in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.